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THREE CENTS

## Summer Conference

A preliminary announcement of the various conferences to be held this summer on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls has been made in a printed bulletin which is going out through the mail. Included in the list is that of the General Conference to be held August 2 to 11 inclusive. The General Conference was established 67 years ago by Dwight L. Moody and thousands have attended its various sessions.

The other conferences with dates will be as follows: The Girls' Conference June 18 to 26; the Missionary Conference, June 27 to July 5; Religious Education, July 7 to 16; the State Christian Endeavor Conference, July 19 to 26; and the United Presbyterian Conference, July 26 to August 2. Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, is chairman of the General Conference committee which is working and arranging the program and which will be announced in a more detailed folder later. The announcement of the General Conference as well as the others will be pleasing to many friends and every effort will be made to secure large attendance at the various gatherings.

## International Week

The annual International Weekend was held at Northfield School for Girls from March 1 through 9. Students from Mount Holyoke, Russell Sage, Salomone, Smith, Vassar and Wesleyan Colleges, and representing Hungary, China, Denmark, Turkey, Greece, Brazil, Sweden, Hungary, Italy, France, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Poland and Java took part in the event. Highlight of the weekend was the round-table forum on Saturday evening at which three of the foreign students spoke and a discussion followed. An International Fair, at which exhibits of material from various countries loaned by Northfield students and faculty was on display, was held on Saturday afternoon.

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## Edward S. Slate Dies

Edward S. Slate of this town died at the Farren Memorial Hospital on Sunday, March 16, after suffering a heart attack the day before. He had served for nearly three years in carrying the mail between the railroad station and the two post offices and had concluded his work on Saturday with the final delivery. Becoming ill he was removed to the hospital but passed in death within a few hours. He was 74 years of age and was born in Northfield August 1 1872, the son of Samuel and Emma (Whitney) Slate. His wife who was the former Ethel Emery, died in 1933. For many years he lived in Montague but came to Northfield about ten years ago and for the past eight years made his home with his brother, Charles F. Slate on Main Street. Mr. Slate was a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and Eastern Star. Survivors are a son, Edward J. Slate of Montague City; two brothers, Charles F. Slate and William G. Slate of this town and a sister, Mrs. Nellie M. Carter of Orange. Also two grandchildren. Funeral services were at McCarthy's Funeral home in Turners Falls on Wednesday afternoon with Rev. William T. Thistle officiating and burial was in Springdale Cemetery there.

## Town Topics

The Teachers Club of our public schools at its meeting March 13 elected the following officers: Chester Parker, president; Robert N. Taylor, vice-president; Elizabeth Braley, secretary-treasurer. At the meeting Mr. Taylor gave an account of his attendance at the National Education Conference at Atlantic City.

A survey in the state of Vermont recently completed reveals that 505 properties in the state have been sold during the year 1946 to persons living out of the state who will go to Vermont for either transient or permanent residence. It would be very interesting to know just how many persons have bought property in Northfield or the immediate vicinity for permanent or summer use.

A son, David Ellis, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton L. Smith of Hoffmans, N. Y., on Friday, March 14th. Grandson to Mr. and Mrs. Royal W. Smith of Brattleboro and Mr. and Mrs. R. Edgar Bruce of South Vernon.

## Minots Light Sold

Minots Ledge Light Station for nearly a hundred years home to the lonely keepers of the world famous Minot Light has been sold by the War Assets Administration to the town of Cohasset which will maintain it as a public park. On the seven and a half acre plot bordering one of the most dangerous reefs on the Atlantic Coast are several buildings. Many from Northfield have visited Minots Light and gone up into its beacon in past years but its interest to our residents is the fact that its early keeper retired to Northfield for residence and built the house on Main Street, known to all as the Minot house and now owned by the Stevens family.

## Town Topics

A bill to assess all citizens of Massachusetts, non-property owners, a minimum tax on \$1,000 valuation is meeting with much approval. It will bring in needed revenue and make the non-property owner tax conscious. At least it will justify him to speak in meeting and to run for office.

The town of Ashfield will have a tax rate this year of \$26 as announced by its assessors and the town of Gill will have a tax rate of \$30 which is \$6 more than last year.

An inventory of the late Charles C. Stearns filed in Probate Court recently shows personal property listed at \$32,429 and real at \$9,050.

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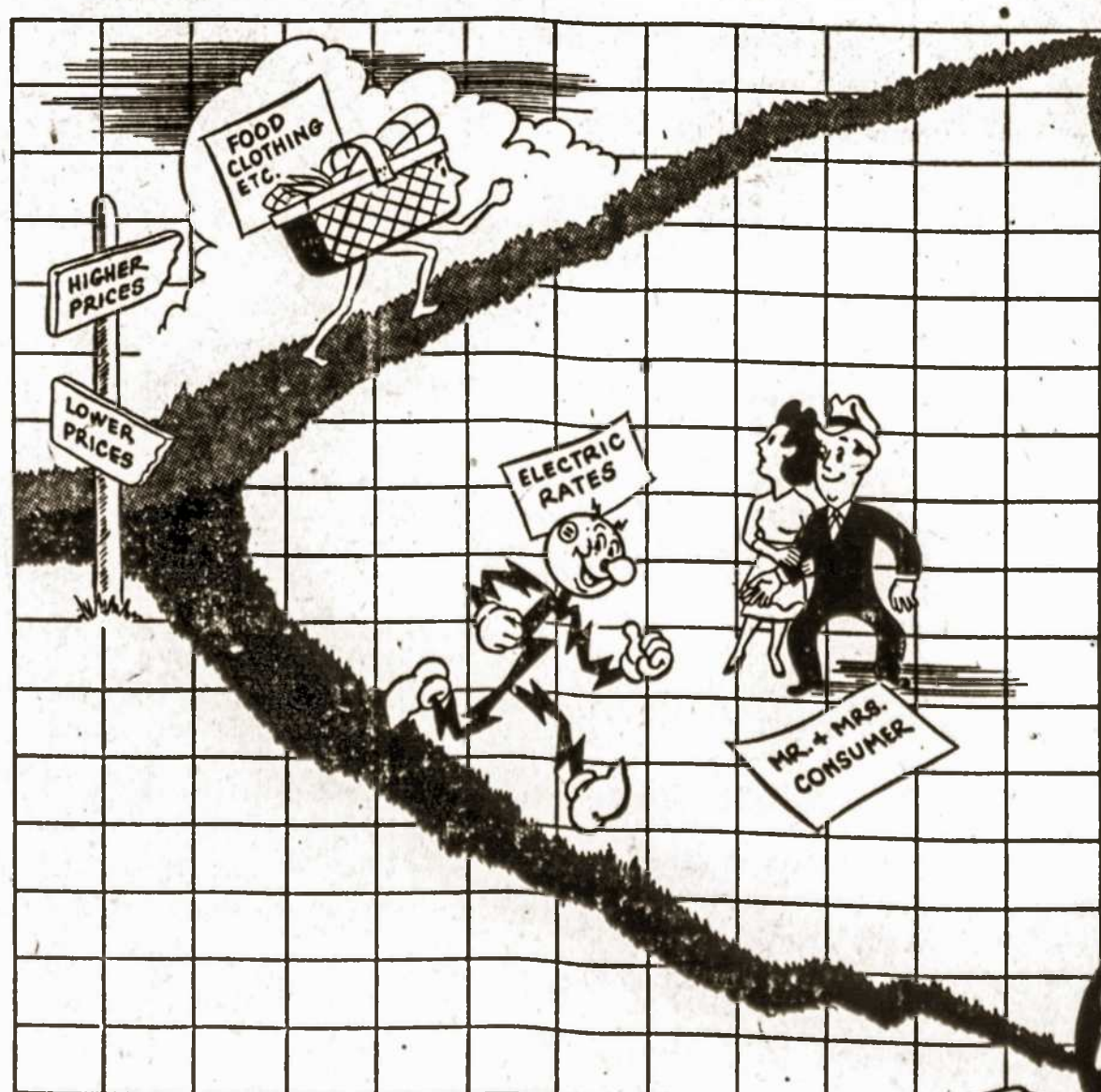
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#### Town Topics

The local committee named to solicit memberships for the current year in the Pioneer Valley Association consists of Mrs. Claire Cochrane, chairman with A. Gordon Moody, Dr. William E. Park, Mervin Morgan and Mrs. Carrol Miller as members. They will make a direct appeal to our citizens.

Our local Boy Scouts who took part in the Scout Exposition at the Greenfield Armory on Saturday, March 1st, did their part well in the program presented. Assistant Scoutmaster John Hurley was in charge. Quite a number of local folks attended.

The Buckland tax rate made known by the assessors is up \$4 over last year to \$26.

#### Town Topics

Commencement of the Northfield Schools will be Monday, June 9, and it is expected that large classes will graduate, both at Mount Hermon School and the Northfield School for Girls.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pefferlee of Main Street have returned to their home after a most delightful stay in Florida during the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Way have returned to Northfield after their marriage in France in January. They crossed the Atlantic by plane and arrived in Boston where they were greeted by his father J. Alfred Way. Mrs. Way is an attractive French young lady and her home was in Compeigne.

#### Town Topics

The town of Deerfield announces a tax rate, six dollars more than last year, of \$33.

A proposition has been recommended to the State Legislature by a committee to study the same of changing the status of the Mass State college to the University of Massachusetts and devoted to a liberal education in many branches. It would be state supported.

A large party of young people from the Congregational church went to Deerfield Monday evening to enjoy roller skating. They all reported a good time upon their return.

The sum of \$437.35 has been contributed for War victims and Reconstruction by the local Congregational church and will be forwarded to the Congregational Christian Committee for use abroad.

The Massachusetts State college recreation conference is in session two days, March 28-29 and attended by many enthusiastic lovers of sport. Benjamin Cummings of the Youth Hostel will be one of the speakers.

Rev. Mr. Spaulding of the Vernon Home discovered a bed of "lilies of the valley" growing and in full bloom in a shed attached to the main building and they were distributed to the inmates.

Henry W. Russell of Main Street who has been quite ill for some time and recently attended at the Bronson Convalescent Home has been removed to the Northampton State Hospital for care and attention.

D. S. deAmicis of 84 Main Street has gone to California to do some special laboratory work on airplanes. He will be away several months. His wife and daughter are at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Solandt have returned from spending the winter at Chittenango, N. Y. and are at their home on the Ashuelot road. Mr. and Mrs. David Stevens who occupied their house have returned to their own home in Mountain Park.

Charles L. Gilbert of Northfield Farms who has conducted a grain and feed business near his home there has retired and closed his store after a service of 46 years.

The annual meeting of the local Fish and Game association was held at the Town Hall Wednesday evening for the transaction of business and election of officers which the Press will report in its next issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Linville W. Robbins, formerly of this town are happily located in Randolph, Maine where they have been greeted by many new friends. They hope to visit Northfield this summer and friends here will extend a most cordial welcome. Mr. Robbins was the former supt of schools, now retired.

The Pioneer Valley Association reports that a large number of summer guests have visited Northfield during recent years in response to enquiries received at their office.

The many friends here of Dr. Aaron W. Newton of Greenfield will hear with pleasure his appointment to the board of Health as successor to the late Dr. Arthur W. Hayes. He was born in Northfield, is a graduate of our High school, and graduated from Middlebury, Mass State and Tufts Medical. He located in Greenfield in February, 1945 and has a fine patronage from this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Van Phelan of Main Street are spending a vacation in Bermuda. They made the trip by plane. Mrs. Van Phelan is convalescing after a long illness.

The assessors of Heath have announced a tax rate of \$45 which is an increase over the rate for last year of \$5.

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#### Town Topics

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark Jr. of this town at the Franklin County Hospital on Tuesday, March 11. They have named him Gary Roger.

According to her will filed recently in Probate Court at Worcester, the late Mrs. Edith F. Farrington of Athol, has bequeathed to the students' aid society of the Northfield Schools, the sum of \$5,000.

Information has come of the death of Miss Ethel L. Farley of St. Petersburg, Fla., at the Mountain Park Hospital there after a short illness. She was a former resident of Orange and frequently visited Northfield staying with friends on the Ridge. She was 73 years of age. After her graduation from Wellesley College she went South and for a long time was engaged in Chamber of Commerce publicity work. She was active in the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Stanley Barfitt was guest at a shower at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hans M. Zachman on Tuesday evening, March 11, when friends gathered for a social evening. She was given many gifts.

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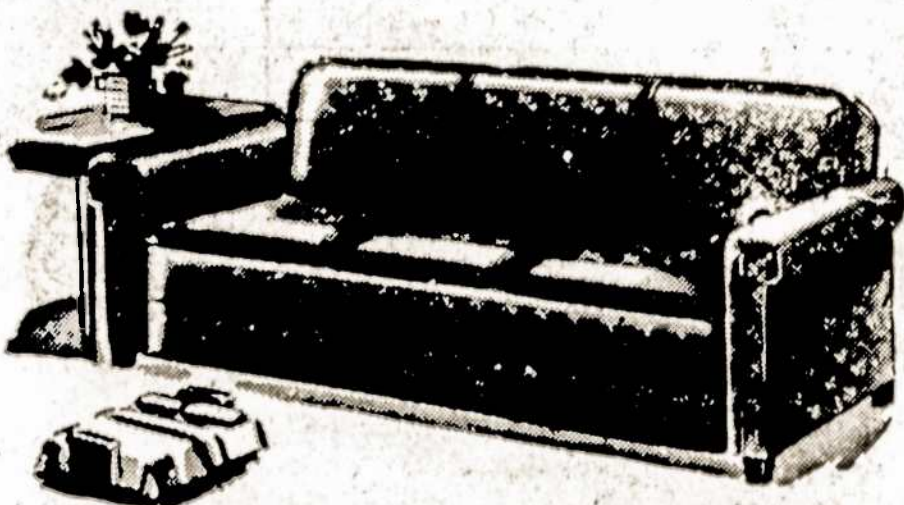
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